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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION: HUMAN SETTLEMENTS

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Conor Murphy (Ireland), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/50/L.30

Commission on Human Settlements

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977, in which it established the Commission on Human Settlements and its secretariat, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), to serve as the institutional focus for human settlements activities within the United Nations system,

Recalling also its resolution 43/181 of 20 December 1988, in which it designated the Commission on Human Settlements as the United Nations intergovernmental body responsible for coordinating, evaluating and monitoring the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000, 1/

Recalling further its resolution 47/180 of 22 December 1992, in which it decided to convene the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) from 3 to 14 June 1996, and requested the Secretary-General to establish an ad hoc secretariat for the Conference, which should be organizationally part of the Centre,

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 8, addendum (A/43/8/Add.1).

Noting with satisfaction the positive role played by the Centre in the implementation of the Strategy and the human settlement aspects of Agenda 21, 2/

Aware of the fact that two thirds of the entire increase in world population currently occurs in urban areas, so that by the year 2000 almost 50 per cent of the world population will be living in towns and cities, and noting with concern that high-level urbanization is straining the capacity of Governments, at both the national and the local levels, to mobilize the financial, technical and managerial resources necessary to sustain such human settlements,

1. Endorses the report of the Commission on Human Settlements on the work of its fifteenth session (Nairobi, 25 April-1 May 1995), 3/ including its resolution 15/1 on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000, 4/ and the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Strategy; 5/

2. Takes note with appreciation of the contribution of the Commission and of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to the preparations at the national, regional and global levels for the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), to be held in Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996;

3. Encourages the Centre to submit its contributions to the preparations for the Conference to the Preparatory Committee for the Conference at its third session, to be held in New York between 5 and 16 February 1996;

4. Invites the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-second session a report on the role of the Commission in the implementation and follow-up of the decisions and recommendations of the Conference.

2/ Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992, vol. I, Resolutions Adopted by the Conference (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum) resolution 1, annex II.

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 8 (A/50/8 and corrigendum).

4/ Ibid., annex I, sect. A.

5/ Ibid., Supplement No. 8 (A/50/8/Add.1).